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sale of even the available ground in the tank-beds indiscriminately, the result would be the total destruction of all cattle in the taluk. He therefore requested that the Dewan Peishkar of Padmanabhapuram and the Director of Agriculture might be asked to select the useful among the tank-beds proposed for sale, in consultation with the leading ryots of the taluks, for reservation as grazing grounds, and that steps be taken thereafter to sell the remaining tank-beds. The initiative, he said, had to be taken by the Government in the matter.

The Member also suggested that the Director might be asked to instruct the ryots how to cultivate fodder crops for cattle and he added that the ryots would be prepared to follow his suggestions.

Mr. V. Sankaranarayana Iyer, B. A., B. L. (Member, T. I. C., Nagercoil) requested that some area of land close to the town of Nagercoil be reserved for cattle to stand on. There was at present no such ground either in the town or near it. At least, 4 or 5 acres were necessary, and that was all that he asked for. He requested early action in the matter.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Extension of some of the provisions of the Grazing Rules obtaining in the High Ranges to the Kaldurutty, Ponmudi and Ashamboo Hills.

Mr. D. G. Cameron (Member, South Travancore Planters' Association) said that the question came to be brought up at the Assembly, because several of the Planters wished to introduce foreign cattle for the purpose of manure and for clearing their properties. An invidious distinction was shown in the case of the owners of properties in the Northern Districts in permitting them to graze 500 head of cattle free for each estate. The Planters thought that, if those Rules were extended to the Kaldurutty, Ponmudi and Ashamboo Hills, it would be a convenience to them.

Dewan's reply.—There are at present two sets of Rules—one passed under date the 12th April 1909 for regulating the grazing of cattle on the Cardamom, Peermade, Mlappara and the Anjanad Hills, and the other passed under date the 20th May 1908 which apply to the grazing of cattle in Reserved Forests and Plantations. The privilege referred to by the Member exists only in the former rules. I shall enquire into the reasons for this distinction and see if anything should be done. The question of consolidating the two sets of Rules and re-issuing them is now engaging the consideration of the Government.

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